

REMARKS

The present amendment, Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are in response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 12, 2006. Applicants thank the Examiner for this allowance.

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the references cited in the IDS, by returning to Applicants' undersigned representative, a signed, initialed and dated copy of the corresponding PTO/SB/08 form.

Claims 1-9, 18-24 and 26-36 are active in the present application. Claims 1, 21, 23 and 26 have been currently amended. Claims 21, 23 and 26 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 23 and 26 were also amended to provide better clarity to these claims. Support for amended Claim 1 can be found on page 4 of the specification. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended claims.

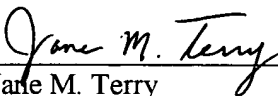
Claim 1 was amended in view of VISTALON MDV 94-2, which may have some of the properties of the previously presented claim (see U.S. Patent 6,207,754, column 13, lines 55-58; and U.S. Patent 6,815,062, column 8, lines 13-14).

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is now in condition for allowance, and request early notice of such action.

If further issues remain, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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